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**SUBJECT: CPA – Revisions to the National Food Security Act Manual, Parts 514-516**

**PURPOSE: Distribute parts 514-516 to field offices.**

**EXPIRATION DATE: September 30, 2008**

Background: Parts 513-517 (Wetland sections) of the National Food Security Act Manual (NFSAM) were revised and replaced by parts 514, 515, and 516.

**Explanation:** The following is a summary of the changes made:

- Removes all references to the 1994 Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of the Army.
- Allows offsite procedures to be used for certified wetland determinations.
- Lists the circumstances to conducted onsite visits on land subject to the wetland conservation provisions  
(Offsite or onsite determinations made only for activities with the purpose of, or that can have the effect of making possible the production of an agricultural commodity).
- Allows for certified wetland determinations to be completed on a field basis, as opposed to a tract basis.
- Allows for self-certification of drainage maintenance.
- Provides references to the statute and the regulations.
- Eliminates the use of the following labels:

Label	Disposition
Converted Wetland For Non-Ag Use (CWNA)	Use the existing WX label (Wetland That Has Been Manipulated, But Production Not Made Possible).
Commenced Conversion (CC)	The wetland conversion allowed by the CC exemption was required to be completed by January 1, 1995.
Not Inventoried (NI)	Wetland determinations can be completed on a field basis instead of a tract basis, which nullifies the need for the NI label.

**Directions:** The new parts are available on-line at My.NRCS. Select the MANAGEMENT tab and go to eDirectives, then Manuals, choose Title 180-Conservation Planning and Application, then National Food Security Act Manual (Fourth Edition).

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